

The Region of the South

KEY QUESTION What features did the Southern Colonies have in common?

With the addition of Georgia, the Southern Colonies now formed a **region**, or distinct area of land. This Southern region stretched from the borders of the Spanish colony of Florida north through the Carolinas, Virginia, and Maryland. The Southern Colonies shared a common climate and culture.

Southern Culture Develops The Appalachian Mountains bordered these colonies in the west. In the east, the flat land along the coast was known as the **Tidewater**. The soil and climate of the Tidewater encouraged the planting of warm-weather crops such as tobacco, rice, and indigo. These crops required a large labor force, so the region became home to the largest population of enslaved Africans in the colonies.

As large plantations formed along the rivers in coastal areas, landowners became rich from exporting cash crops. A wealthy elite soon developed, especially in Virginia and South Carolina. Meanwhile, poorer settlers were forced west onto the frontier.

Although the Anglican church was the established religion throughout the South, religious diversity increased. Many of the Southern Colonies promised religious toleration in order to attract settlers.

Colonists throughout the South demanded greater say in how they were governed. Eventually, every Southern colony was allowed an elected representative assembly.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST Describe the features that the Southern Colonies had in common.

Connecting History

Social Conflict

Disagreements between the rich planters of the coast and poorer settlers of the frontier would lead to Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. *Chapter 4, p. 104.*

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Section Assessment



ONLINE QUIZ

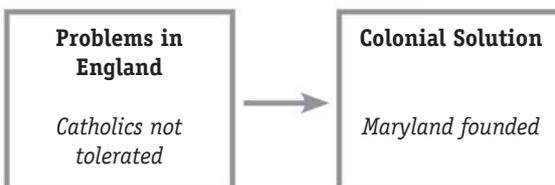
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TERMS & NAMES

1. Explain the importance of
 - Lord Baltimore
 - Huguenots
 - Margaret Brent
 - James Oglethorpe
 - Act of Toleration

USING YOUR READING NOTES

2. **Problems and Solutions** Complete the diagram you began at the beginning of this section.



KEY IDEAS

3. Why did Lord Baltimore found the colony of Maryland?
4. What drew settlers to the Carolinas?
5. What kind of society did Oglethorpe want for Georgia?

CRITICAL THINKING

6. **Analyze Causes and Effects** Why did slavery expand in the Southern Colonies?
7. **Connect Economics & History** Why did South Carolina planters become such a wealthy elite?
8. **Writing Letter** Write a persuasive letter to a London newspaper, describing opportunities in the Carolinas and urging other settlers to join you there.